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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SECURE COMMO AREA NEW ACDA BLDG,
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FOR GAFFNEY FROM ST. MARS

REFERENCE: BONN 10050

1. REFTEL FROM RCO, BONN PROPOSES THAT IN INTEREST OF COSTS ACDA SHOULD CONSIDER ABANDONING PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF SECURE COMMO FACILITY IN ACDA BUILDING IN FAVOR AUGMENTING STAFF AND USING EXISTING FACILITIES IN U.S. MISSION.

2. RCO PROPOSAL RAISES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, SEVERAL OF WHICH RELATE DIRECTLY TO SECURITY. ON URGENT BASIS THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE GAFFNEY'S ASSESSMENT OF FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. TIME ELEMENTS AND DISTANCE INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING MESSAGES BETWEEN US MISSION AND ACDA BUILDING.

B. TRANSPORTATION AND COURIER SERVICE REQUIRED. PRECISELY, WHAT ESCORT SERVICES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR COURIER OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED, HIGH PRECEDENCE MESSAGES LIKELY TO BE GENERATED?

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C. WHAT PROBLEMS WOULD LIKELY BE ENCOUNTERED IN
TRANSPORTING THESE MESSAGES? CONSIDER POSSIBLE TRAFFIC
DELAYS, MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH VEHICLE ETC.

D. LASTLY, ON BASIS THESE FACTORS, WOULD
APPRECIATE GAFFNEY'S CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF WISDOM
OF RCO PROPOSAL WEIGHING SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, RE-
LATIVE COSTS AND EXPEDIENCY OF COMPARATIVE COMMO
SYSTEMS.

3. PLEASE CABLE REPLY BEFORE C.O.B. JULY 17. RUSH

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